

REMARKS

The specification and drawings have been amended to make editorial changes therein, bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action, to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

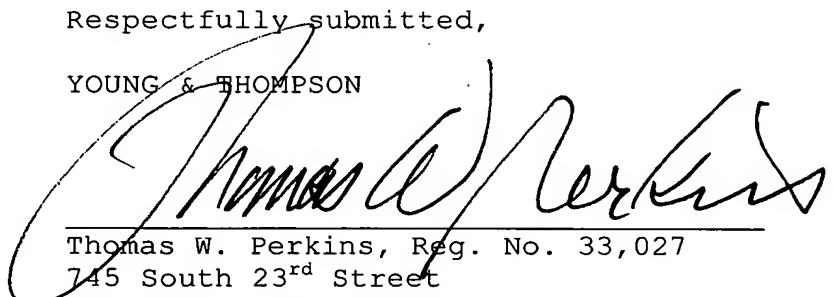
The indication that the claims include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the claims have been amended solely as to form, again bearing in mind the criticisms in the Official Action.

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item:

- a Replacement Sheet for Figure 1 of the drawings